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1. IN WIDE-RANGING, CONFIDENTIAL CONVERSATION WITH ME LAST NIGHT (SEPT 16), MIN OF ECONOMY MARTINEZ DE HOZ CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE DOUBTS AS TO AMB MUSICH'S RETURN TO WASHINGTON. INDEED, MARTINEZ DE HOZ INDICATED MUSICH HAS RESIGNED AND GOVERNMENT IS NOT CERTAIN HOW TO HANDLE SITUATION. MARTINEZ DE HOZ POINTED OUT THAT RESIGNATION WAS EXTREMELY EMBARRASSING TO HIM PERSONALLY SINCE HE HAD RECOMMENDED MUSICH FOR THE JOB. HE SAID HE WAS NOT COMPLETELY WITHOUT HOPE THAT MUSICH WOULD RECONSIDER, BUT HE FELT THE CHANCES WERE SLIM.

2. MARTINEZ DE HOZ SUGGESTED THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS BETWEEN FONMIN GUZZETTI AND MUSICH, BUT HE WOULD NOT SAY THAT MUSICH'S RESIGNATION CAME AS A DIRECT RESULT OF THOSE DIFFERENCES. FURTHER, WHILE HE INDICATED THAT MUSICH'S RECEPTION OF FATHER WEEKS HAD CREATED "A FLAP", HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT MUSICH HAD BEEN CALLED BACK TO BUENOS AIRES ON THAT ACCOUNT. RATHER, THE REASON HE INDICATED FOR MUSICH'S RETURN AND RESIGNATION WAS LATTER'S DISTRESS OVER SITUATION HE HAS BEEN PLACED IN BY HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE.

3. MARTINEZ DE HOZ SAID THAT SEVERAL OTHER NAMES ARE

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ALREADY UNDER CONSIDERATION TO REPLACE MUSICH IF, AS NOW

SEEMS POSSIBLE, LATTER STANDS BY HIS RESIGNATION. HE SAID
HE WOULD KEEP ME INFORMED.

4. COMMENT: THAT MUSICH HAS BEEN UNHAPPY WITH HIS SITUATION
IN WASHINGTON IS NO SECRET. HE SO INFORMED ME DURING MY
CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND I AM SURE HAS SAID AS MUCH
TO SENIOR OFFICERS OF ARA. THERE MUST BE MORE TO HIS
ABRUPT RETURN THAN THAT, HOWEVER. DESPITE FACT THAT MARTINEZ
DE HOZ WOULD NOT CONFIRM IT, I SUSPECT THE EPICENTER OF THE
PROBLEM IS CONFLICT WITH FONMIN GUZZETTI. I NOTED WITH
INTEREST THAT MUSICH CALLED LAST NIGHT TO SAY HE DEFINITELY
WOULD NOT ATTEND MY DINNER IN HONOR OF FONMIN GUZZETTI.

5. IN REFERENCE TO STATE 228272 ASSUME THIS AND
PREVIOUS CABLES THIS SUBJECT PASSED TO ASST. SECY.
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